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SUBJECT: IGS FARE INCREASE AND UK NON-PAPER

REFS: (A) STATE 10836; (B) STATE 1320

1. WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT'S CAVEATS ON UK "NON-PAPER" (REF A) BUT ARE CONCERNED THAT INCLUSION OF FARE INCREASE PROPOSAL IN DELIBERATIONS OVER THIS PAPER WILL CAUSE FURTHER DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF AFARE INCREASE. PANAM OFFICIALS HERE ARE EXPRESSING IMPATIENCE OVER DELAY IN APPROVAL OF THIER APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN OCTOBER. AS DEPARTMENT NOTED REF B, ESTABLISHING LINK BETWEEN FARE INCREASE AND SUBSIDY REQUEST WOULD PROBABLY REDUCE LIKELIHOOD FOR EARLY FARE INCREASE.
MOREOVER, SINCE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED TABLING FARE INCREASE PROPOSAL FORTHWITH (REF B), WE DO NOT SEE NEED TO HOLD UP FARE INCREASE WHILE FINAL TEXT OF NON-PAPER BEING PREPARED AND REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST PARA 6C OF NON-PAPER BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE AS AN IMMEDIATE STEP THE FARE INCREASE PROPOSAL ALREADY SUMMITTED SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED. UNQUOTE GEORGE

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